

UNIMAGINABLE

Can you imagine living in the late fourteen hundreds before Columbus set off to find a new world? He, and frankly no one else, had a clue that two huge continents, namely North and South America, even existed, nor could anyone remotely imagine that one day the most mighty nation in the world would be a nation no one in Europe knew even existed.

In like manner, years ago I read the “The Adventures of Maro Polo” written around thirteen hundred A.D., as he told of his travels to India and the Orient. On his trip he saw elephants for the first time. He never knew such massive animals existed. When he returned to Europe and tried to tell the people about elephants they laughed at him and thought he was fabricating the whole story. Do you know what it would have taken to change their minds? If he could have shown them a real elephant.

You see, as Christians, we are in somewhat the same predicament as Columbus telling people about America, or as Marco Polo testifying about elephants. We’re telling people to believe in a Savior they’ve never seen, about His death and resurrection which they never personally witnessed. We’re telling them about a place we call Heaven, and yet they’ve never been there. None of us have ever seen the fires of hell or beheld billions of angels in Heaven, yet, as Christians we believe to the point we are willing to wager our very lives, both in this life and throughout all eternity, that this message of the gospel is in fact true.

Have you thought that most of what we believe about history is based solely on the reliability of the witnesses. We’ve never seen George Washington, but we have no doubt he lived because of the reliability of the witnesses and all the historical evidence.

Well, the same is true of our faith in Christ. There is a lot of historical evidence to support our faith. But do you know the one proof no unbeliever can refute? That is when we tell them, “Jesus Christ changed my life; for once I was blind, but now I see!”